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| FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br>(REV. 10-2003)   |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><br>52433/855   |
| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><br><b>10/597643</b>             |
|   |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:<br>22 December 2004 (22.12.04)<br>12 January 2005 (12.01.05) |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO<br>PCT/JP2005/023691   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>December 19, 2005 |   |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL WELDED PIPE SUPERIOR IN EXPANDABILITY</b>   |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Naoto ONO; Toshio TANOUE; Fumio FUDANOKI; Tadashi KOMORI; Shuji YAMAMOTO   |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |  |   |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: PCT Request.</li> </ol>  |  |   |

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| 21. The following fees are submitted:   |              |   |   |                                       |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic National Fee .....   |              | \$ 300.00   |   | \$ 300.00                             |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination Fee .....  |              | \$ 200.00   |   | \$ 200.00                             |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search Fee .....   |              | \$ 500.00   |   | \$ 500.00                             |           |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>  |              | <b>\$1,000.00</b>   |   | <b>\$ 900.00</b>                      |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing on computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.  |              |   |   |                                       |           |
| Total Sheets  | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE  |                                       |           |
| -100  | /50=         |   | x \$250   | \$                                    |           |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |              |   |   | \$                                    |           |
| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE  |                                       |           |
| Total Claims  | 5 - 20 =     | 0   | x \$50.00   | \$ 0.00                               |           |
| Independent Claims  | 2 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$200.00  | \$ 0.00                               |           |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)   |              |   | + \$360.00  | \$ 0.00                               |           |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>  |              |   |   | <b>\$ 0.00</b>                        |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |              |   |   |                                       |           |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              |   |   | <b>\$ 900.00</b>                      |           |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).   |              |   |   | \$                                    |           |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |              |   |   | <b>\$ 900.00</b>                      |           |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property  |              |   |   | \$                                    |           |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |              |   |   | <b>\$ 900.00</b>                      |           |
|   |              |   |   | Amount to be refunded:                | \$        |
|   |              |   |   | Amount to be charged                  | \$ 900.00 |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>11-0600</u> in the amount of <u>\$ 900.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>11-0600</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |              |   |   |                                       |           |
| <b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |              |   |   |                                       |           |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>KENYON & KENYON LLP<br>One Broadway<br>New York, New York 10004<br>CUSTOMER NO. 26646  |              |   | <u>John J. Kelly, Jr.</u><br>SIGNATURE<br><u>John J. Kelly, Jr. (Reg. No. 29,182)</u><br>NAME<br><u>JULY 28, 2006</u><br>DATE |                                       |           |

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